# THE RAVE CULTURE & DESIGNER DRUGS

# THE IMPACT ON THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

**The “Rave” scene began as a subculture in England circa 1980, and has since migrated into mainstream culture throughout the United States.**

# Rave Culture In The United States Is Characterized By:

- 2 Types of Raves
  - secretive: warehouses, deserts, woods, etc.
  - commercialized: typically held in established clubs
- Extremely loud “techno” music/dancing
- Lighting and visual stimuli: lasers, video screens, etc…
- 14-25 age group
- Alcohol-free environment
- Escapist culture
- All-night events
- Designer drugs: bought, sold, consumed

# Rave Paraphernalia

- Water bottles
- Light sticks
- Pacifiers
- Bags of small candies/breath mints
- Eye-drop bottles
- Dust masks/Vicks Vapo-Rub
- Caffeinated beverages/over the counter stimulants

# Rave Paraphernalia Defined

- **Water bottles --** Ecstasy the most widely used drug associated with raves causes dehydration and increases body temperature.
- **Light sticks --** These are used to enhance the visual experience while on the drugs (individuals see “trails” of light)
- **Pacifiers --** Rave drugs tend to cause the user to grind their teeth, the pacifier prevents this.
- **Bags of small candies and breath mints --** The drugs intended for sale are often stored in these bags.
- **Eye drop bottles --** These are used to store the liquid form of the drugs.
- **Dust mask and Vicks Vapo-Rub --** These are combined to enhance the effects of the designer drugs. The Vicks is placed under the nose the the mask is used to keep the rub from dissipating.
- **Caffeinated beverages/stimulants --** These help with exhaustion caused by the dancing and stimulant effect of the drugs.

# Designer Drugs_ Affiliated With Raves:

- Ecstasy
- LSD
- Ketamine
- GHB
- Rohypnol
- Nitrous Oxide

**As with all drugs, the amount used combined with the mental state of the user and the setting in which it is consumed, will determine the effect of the chemical.**

**The higher the dose the more pronounced and more**

# (MDMA) (Methylenedioxymethamphetamine)

- Street names: E, X, XTC, rolling, clarity, essence, Adam, go, disco biscuit, crystal, hug drug
- Over-sensitivity to sensory stimuli
- Overall feeling of euphoria
- Dehydration/hyperthermic
- Insomnia
- Hallucinogenic
- Stimulant
- Appetite suppressant
- Dilated pupils

144 Ecstasy (MDMA) Tablets

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# LSD
# (Lysergic Acid Diethylamide)

- Street names: sold under more than 80 names; acid, blotter, cid, doses, trips, hits, tabs, dope
- Distorted and intensified sensory input
- Powerful hallucinogenic
- Delusions/paranoia
- Strong effect on mood and emotion
- Dilated pupils
- Raised: body temp., heartbeat, blood pressure
- Facial flushing/profuse perspiration
- Blurred vision
- Dizziness and nausea
- Synesthesia- “hearing colors” or “seeing sounds”

# KETAMINE
# (Ketamine Hydrochloride)

- Street names: special K, K, kit kat, cat valium, jet, super acid, honey oil, green, super C
- Powerful anesthetic
- Overtly hallucinatory
- Muscle relaxation to complete muscle loss
- Mild sedative to loss of conscience
- Hypnotic
- Partial amnesia
- Detached, distant, and estranged from surroundings
- Described as similar to drunkenness only stronger

# GHB (Gamma-Hydroxybutyrate)

- Street names: liquid X, liquid E, G, Georgia home boy, goop, gamma-oh, grievous bodily harm
- Powerful sedative
- Produces euphoric and psychedelic hallucinatory states
- Stimulates muscle growth
- Adverse effects: drowsiness, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, severe respiratory depression, unconsciousness, seizures, coma, death
- Induces a reduced level of consciousness
- Memory loss

# ROHYPNOL (Flunitrazepam)

- Street names: roofies, R-2, Mexican valium, rophies, rope, roaches, forget me drug, circles
- Powerful anesthetic
- Sedation to loss of consciousness
- Muscle relaxation to complete loss of muscle control
- Reduction in anxiety
- Prevention of convulsions
- Partial amnesia
- Adverse effects: drowsiness, dizziness, loss of motor control, lack of coordination, slurred speech, confusion, respiratory depression
- Impairs cognitive and psychomotor functions
- Alcohol and Rohypnol potentiate each other’s toxicity

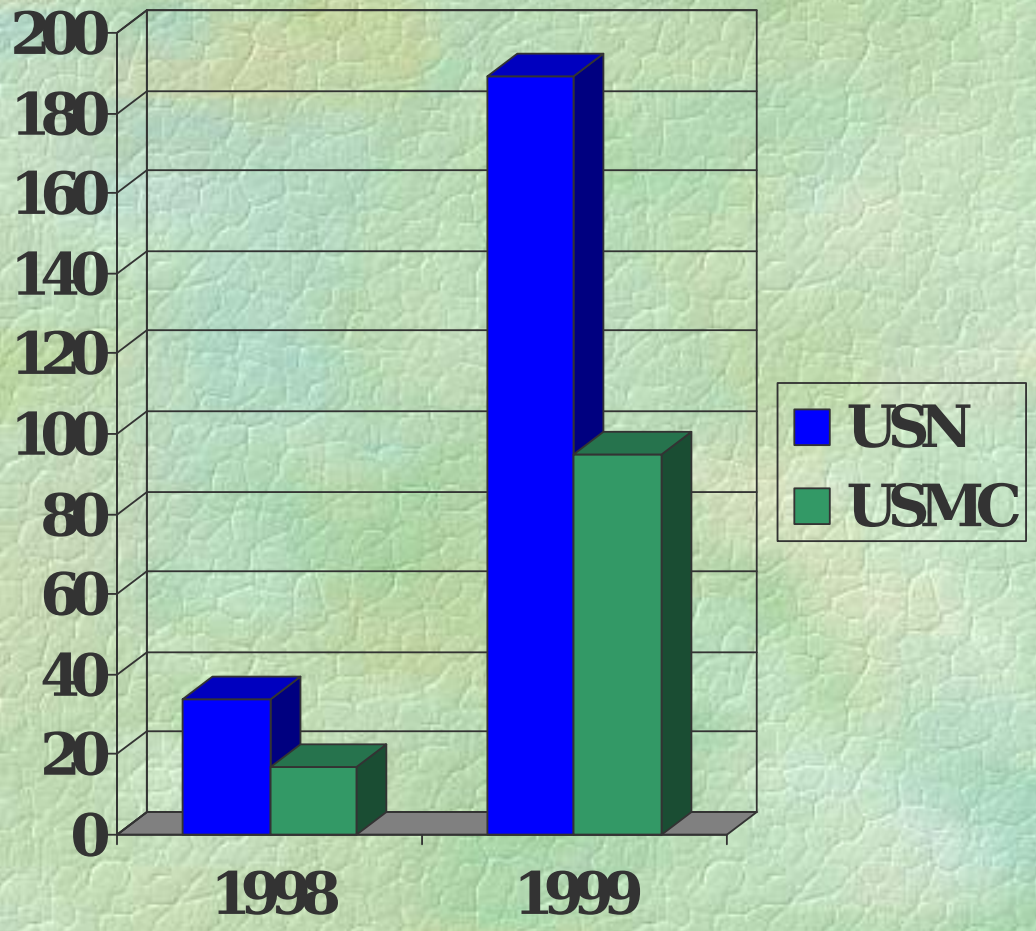
# NITROUS OXIDE (N2O)

- Disorientation
- Fixated vision
- Throbbing or pulsating auditory hallucinations
- Similarly pulsating visual hallucination
- Increased pain threshold
- Deeper mental connections
- Weak anaesthetic
- Bacteriostatic (destroys bacteria)
- Light use is not hazardous

**Since 1998 there has been a 556% increase in positive urinalysis results for ecstasy (MDMA) within the Department of the Navy.**

# MDMA (Ecstasy)___ Positive Samples

- 1998 to 1999:
- Percent increase for the USN= 556% (34 to 189)
- Percent increase for the USMC= 559% (17 to 95)



# Urinalysis Positives Per Year

| | 1998 | | 1999 | |
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| | USN | USMC | USN | USMC |
| MDMA | 34 | 17 | 189 | 95 |
| METH | 422 | 411 | 328 | 205 |
| LSD | 47 | 53 | 126 | 81 |

# Young Military Personnel And The Rave Scene: A Dangerous Combination

- Lonely 18 year old kids away from home
- Underage access to Rave clubs/parties due to lack of alcohol
- Attraction to the “love drugs”
- Steady incomes and the open sale of drugs
- Knowledge of the detection deficiencies for designer drugs
- Belief that designer drugs are not dangerous

# Military/DOD
# Drug Testing Program

**Tests for 8 drug classes:**

- **Cannabinoids (marijuana, hashhish)**
- **Cocaine**
- **Opiates (heroin, morphine, codeine)**
- **Amphetamines (methamphetamine, MDA, MDMA, MDEA)**
- **PCP**
- **LSD**
- **Barbiturates (seco-, pheno-, butalbital)**
- **Steroids**

- **Tests active duty military, military entrance processing station (MEPS), recruits, reserve, national guard**
- **$40M per year testing program**
- **Random testing- each service member is tested approximately 2 times per year; minimum average testing frequency is 1 random test per year**
- **Testing schedule is inadequate to effectively detect designer drugs and requires an education process for field level commanders**

**Since 1994, there have been approximately *1,600* NCIS cases involving designer drugs.**

**NCIS currently has investigations and operations targeting the use, possession, purchase and sale of designer drugs in virtually every CONUS Navy and Marine Corps facility.**

# NCIS Investigations/Operations

- S/Marriott, Toby/LCPL USMC - Camp Pendleton, CA
- S/Brunelle, Steven John/SA USN - Great Lakes, IL
- Navy Housing Operation - Mayport, FL
- Joint Operation With Seattle PD- Everett, WA

# S/Marriott, Toby/LCPL USMC - Camp Pendleton

- **15MAR00, NCISRA Camp Pendleton initiates an investigation against S/Marriott identified as a dealer of MDMA**
- **CW and NCIS UCA effect 3 controlled buys of MDMA**
- **2 USMC co-subjects identified**
- **1 co-subject sells 101 MDMA pills**
- **Seizures:**
  - **166 ecstasy pills..... $3,200.00**

# S/Brunelle, Steven John/SA USN - Great Lakes, IL

- 02Jun00, NCISRA Great Lakes initiates an investigation against S/Brunelle and X/Morrow identified as dealers of MDMA
- CW provided information on a planned buy between subjects and civilian dealer
- S/Brunelle admitted to the purchase of 200 ecstasy pills of which 90 were said to be given to X/Morrow
- Permissive search of BEQ room results in ecstasy seizure
- Seizures
  - 105 ecstasy pills.....$3,675.00

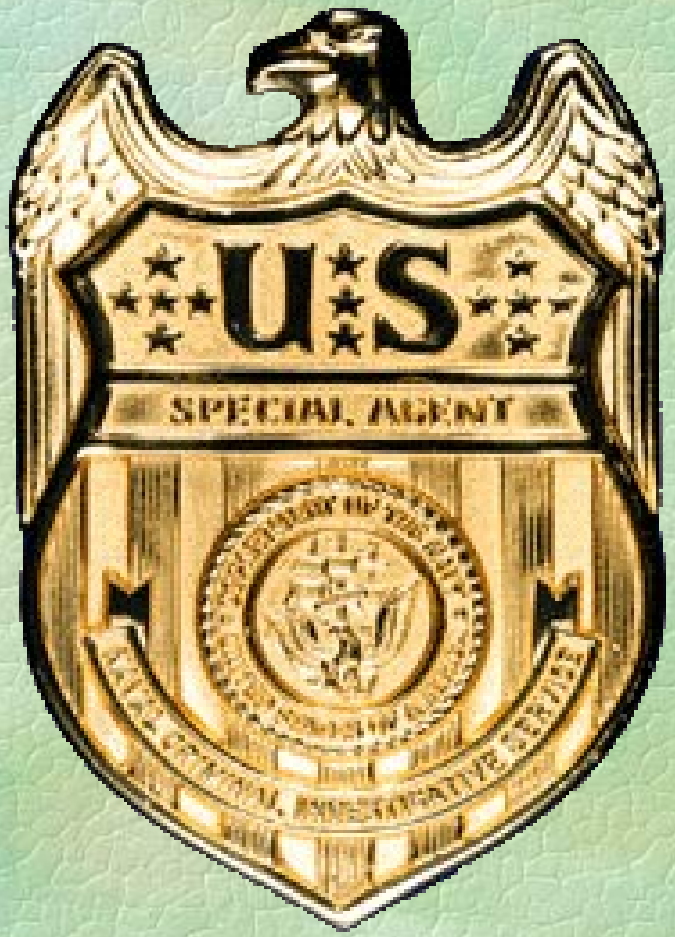
**NOTE: Operation is still in early phase**

# Navy Housing Operation - Mayport, FL

- **29DEC99, Joint NCIS/DEA/JSO/FDLE drug Op targeting navy housing**
- **7 NCIS CW's utilized to effect controlled buys**
- **30 suspects identified: one adult DoD dependent, one non-DoD civilian residing in base housing, and six non DoD civilians delivering drugs to the base housing.**
- **Seizures:**
  - **27,819 ecstasy pills .....$780,300.00**
  - **34 grams of cocaine.....$1,500.00**
  - **500 grams of marijuana.....$1,500.00**
  - **3 vehicles.....$75,000.00**
  - **clandestine lab.....$60,000.00**
    - **Total .....$913,300.00**

**Designer drugs such as *Ecstasy* are viewed as social, non-threatening, yet all have the potential to negatively impact readiness and quality of life within the Department of the Navy.**

# QUESTIONS?

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